



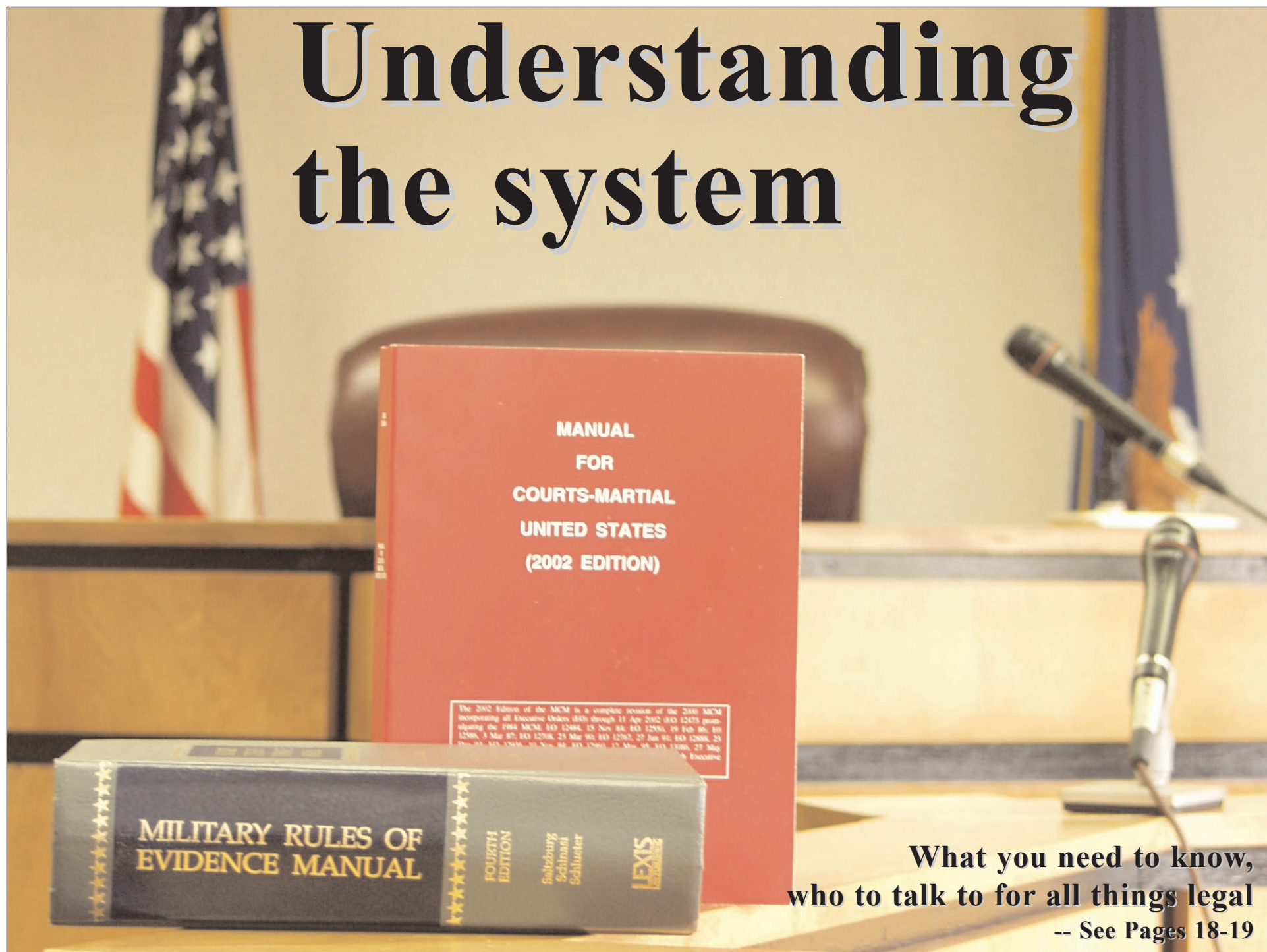
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Rumsfeld: Two options in terror war

By Mr. Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told servicemembers at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Monday the United States faced only two options in its war on terror – fight the terrorists where they live today, or fight them in America tomorrow.

Sec. Rumsfeld said the war on terrorism is unlike any the United States has fought in the past. Sept. 11, 2001, ushered in a new age of asymmetric warfare.

“The threats we have faced have not been so much large armies, large navies and large air forces locked in great battle, but suicide bombers, cyberterrorists and low-intensity warfare and the spreading contagion of weapons of mass destruction,” he said.

These unconventional dangers threaten the safety and security of Americans and free people around the world as certainly as the totalitarian regimes the World War II generation confronted, he said.

“Like the greatest generation (who) saved the world from the tyranny of their time, your generation has been called to greatness as well,” Sec. Rumsfeld said.

“Our freedom, our future depends on the courage and the determination of our forces and what they bring to this world. All across the globe, people long for what we have, for what each of you has volunteered to defend – liberty, democracy, tolerance and a future without fear.”

Sec. Rumsfeld said the United States did not ask for the war on terrorism.

“But it is a war we have to fight and we have to win,” he said. “There is no safe, easy middle ground. Either we take the war to the terrorists and fight them where they are – at this moment in Iraq and Afghanistan and elsewhere – or at some point we will have to fight them here at home.

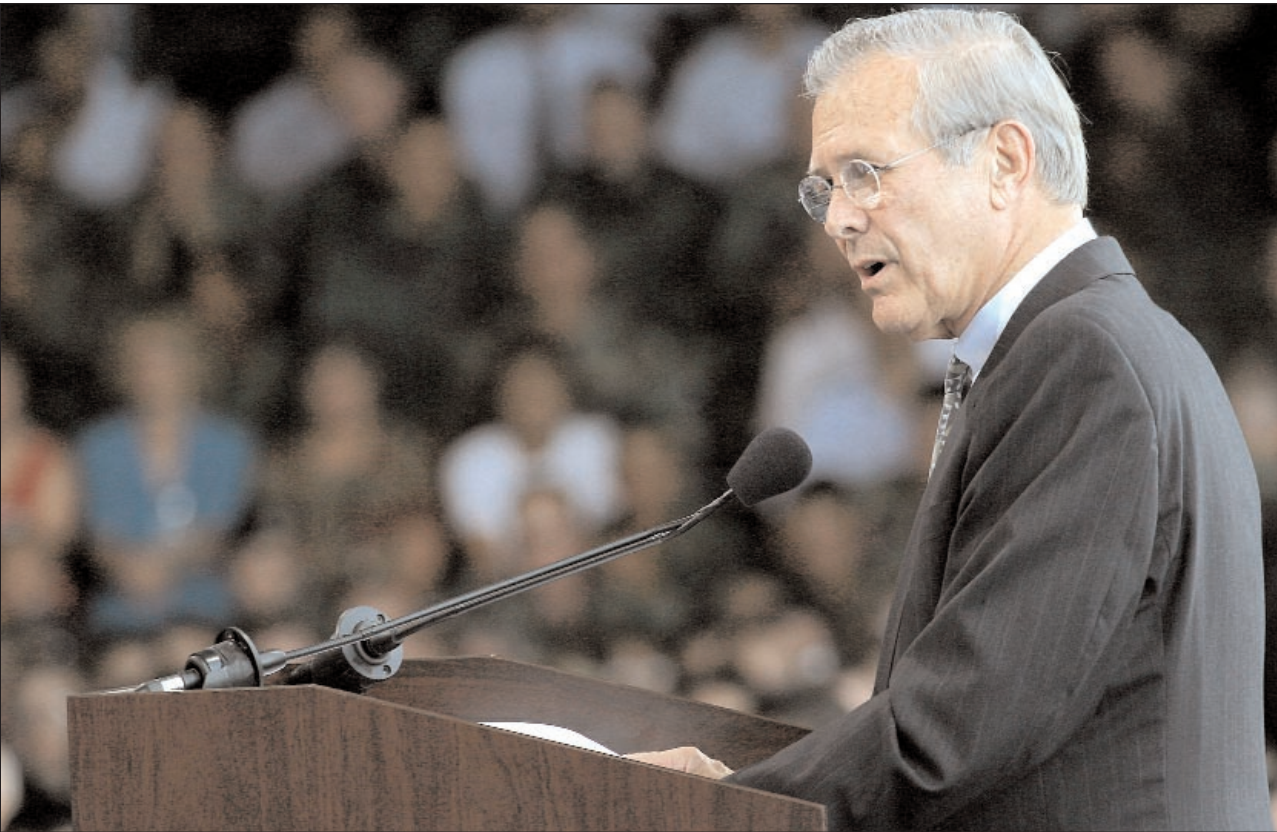


Photo by Mrs. Robbin Cresswell

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld addresses the crowd during a town hall meeting at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Monday. He spoke to about 3,500 servicemembers from installations in the San Antonio area.

“This war is real, it is difficult, it is dangerous, and it is far from over, but we are making good progress,” he said.

In the 22 months since the attacks in New York and Washington, the United States has made great strides against the shadowy enemy, Sec. Rumsfeld said.

“Two terrorist regimes have been removed, and two peoples have been freed from years of fear and years of

oppression,” he said. “We’re working to lay the foundations of freedom and helping to build the pillars upon which liberty and representative government will rest.”

The 100-plus days since Iraq’s liberation have been days of difficulty, but also progress, he said. The secretary mentioned the establishment of the Iraqi

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Governing Council, the formation of dozens of local city councils, the establishment of a central bank and the resumption of oil exports as examples of the progress.

The secretary observed that setbacks in the war on terror will continue.

“But there will be more successes, and the outcome is not in doubt,” he said.

The fact that enlistments and retention figures are up is an indication of the morale and dedication of the U.S. military.

“They are doing important work,” he said.

Sec. Rumsfeld said he did not know how long the United States will remain in Iraq. He said the answer is “not knowable” today.

“I wish it were, but it really depends on when the Iraqi people are able to get themselves on a path toward a sovereign and representative government,” he said. “This much is certain: The president said we will stay as long as it takes to finish the job and not a day longer. Our task is to lift the threat of terrorist violence from our people and our future.”

Sec. Rumsfeld answered some questions from the estimated 3,500 assembled servicemembers.

One asked about proposals to raise the military retirement age. Sec. Rumsfeld said he has not made a specific recommendation but noted there are some jobs

people need to serve in longer. He said quick turnovers mean turmoil and excessive permanent-change-of-station moves.

“It also creates a situation where people move through jobs so fast they don’t have a chance to clean up their own mistakes,” he said. “That’s an important learning experience.”

He also spoke of proposals to “rebalance” the mix between active-duty and Reserve components. He said some high-demand skills, now concentrated in the Reserve component, may need to have some units moved to the active-duty side.

“No one person is smart enough to know exactly what that means, but we’ve got... each of the services, plus the Joint Staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense, working on it,” he said. “There should be proposals coming forward in a reasonable period of time.”

Sec. Rumsfeld discussed the deployment and redeployment process and said he did not want to call it “ugly,” but rather “imperfect.”

In the case of the Army, “at one point, they were averaging only five days’ notice for a call-up for Reserve and Guard,” he said. “Now that’s just not right. It’s not fair to the families. It’s not fair to their reservists. It’s not fair to their employers.

“The people are the most important thing we have, and we’ve got to see that we manage that force in a way that’s respectful of people and that gives them a degree of certainty, a degree of predictability,” he said. “So we’ve got to fix that.”

Sec. Rumsfeld said the current deployment process is an Industrial Age process “where either the big lever is off – it’s peace, or it’s on – and it’s World War III.”

Reality is not so black and white, and the country is much more likely to have a series of activities and requirements and contingencies that have to be addressed. The process needs to be much more nuanced, he said.

Sec. Rumsfeld said the United States is actively seeking allies for help in Afghanistan and Iraq. He said the United States is speaking with more than 70 countries about assistance.

“I think the number currently is somewhere around 40 countries (that) are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom in one way or another,” he said. “We do need international support and assistance. It’s a big help.”

He said it is not likely, however, that U.S. forces will be serving under U.N. leaders in Iraq.

“That is not to say that there are not important places and roles that could be played by United Nations forces,” he said.

Finally, Sec. Rumsfeld was provided



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld shakes hands with members of the audience after a town hall meeting at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Monday. He spoke to about 3,500 servicemembers from installations in the San Antonio area.

some feedback and then asked about blue battle-dress uniforms Air Force leaders are proposing.

“I guess the answer is if it’s as bad as you say it is, I hope it’s not coming,” the secretary said.

He said he’d ask Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper about that when he returned “and explain to him that at least a few handfuls of folks down here have a minimum of high regard for what they think they’re doing.”



Photo by Airman Basic Patrice Clarke

Col. Keye Sabol, 319th Air Refueling Wing Commander, was showered with soda and water following his final flight Tuesday. Col. Sabol will relinquish his command to Col. Mark Ramsay in September.

Wing prepares for change of command

Compiled by staff reports

The base will hold a change of command ceremony at the three-bay hangar Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

During the ceremony, Col. Mark Ramsay will replace Col. Keye Sabol as commander of the 319th Air Refueling Wing.

Col. Sabol has served as commander for the wing since September 18, 2001. His next assignment will be as deputy of plans and programs, Air Mobility Command Headquarters, Scott AFB, Ill.

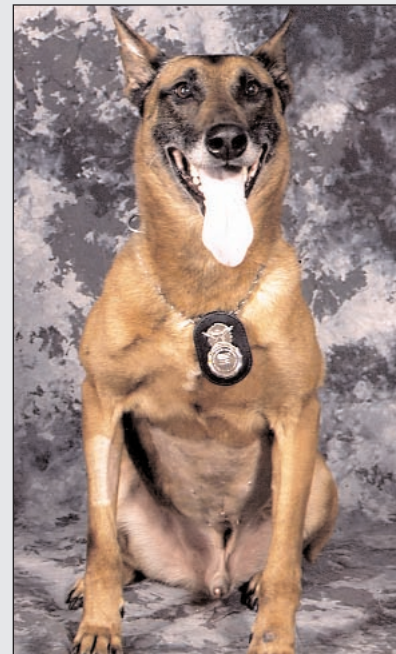
Col. Ramsay last served as operations group commander of the 89th Airlift Wing, Andrews AFB, Md. As commander of the 319th ARW, he will serve as the senior officer responsible for 48 KC-135R Stratotanker aircrafts and 3,700 base personnel.

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In Memory



Nero, a military working dog here, was euthanized Monday due to cancer of the throat and neck.

Nero was born Dec. 1, 1994, and became an Air Force MWD narcotics dog Nov. 15, 1996. He then became a dual certified patrol/explosives detector dog Jan. 17, 1997.

Nero arrived at Grand Forks Air Force Base Feb. 12, 1997. He has had five different handlers since arrival on base. Nero's final handler was Senior Airman Jason A. Jesclard, 319th Security Forces Squadron.

Nero's list of accomplishments includes participation in 56 MWD demonstrations. In June 2000, Nero was deployed to El Paso, Texas, with his handler to work with the United States Customs Agency.

While deployed, Nero assisted in the deterrence and finding of nearly 3,500 pounds of marijuana from coming into the U. S.

While at Grand Forks, Nero was instrumental in ensuring narcotics were not brought on base.

Nero will be missed by all.

OSC Expo set for Thursday

Compiled from staff reports

The Officers' Spouses' Club is holding a combined base and community event at the Officers' Club from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

The event will provide more than 40 service representatives from the Grand Forks community and base agencies live demonstrations, opportunities for OSC volunteer service and special activities, as well as free snacks, beverages and literature.

The Expo is designed to provide more information about the many services available to Air Force spouses and family members. Examples of service included at the Expo are a dance studio, salons, fitness cen-

ters, higher education opportunities, martial arts school, musical and gymnastic instructors, girl and boy scout representatives, travel and tour representatives, and Operation Enduring Friendship officials.

In addition, on-base services such as youth and day care, outdoor recreation, education center, and health and wellness center will be present.

"This Expo will be very informative and a first-time opportunity to see what the base and local community have to offer spouses and their families," said Mr. Joe Chine, Officers' Spouses Club.

"Don't miss this unique opportunity to help your family enjoy Grand Forks and the fellowship of the OSC."

Aeromedical evacuation changes to ‘requirements-based’ system

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AMCNS) – When the Air Force officially announced the retirement of the C-9A Nightingale on July 23, to some the announcement simply meant the end of an era in Air Force aeromedical evacuation.

To others, the retirement of the C-9A – the AE workhorse for the past 35 years – signaled the beginning of a new aeromedical evacuation environment; an environment where CONUS, peacetime AE missions become the exception, rather than the norm. Or what Air Mobility Command officials are calling a “requirements-based” rather than “capacity-based” system.

According to AMC Command Surgeon Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Thomas J. Loftus, although the C-9 is going away, the mission of aeromedical evacuation will continue, but with noticeable changes.

“In the past, we used a capacity-based system. Many of our patients were transported from small medical facilities to larger medical facilities simply because we

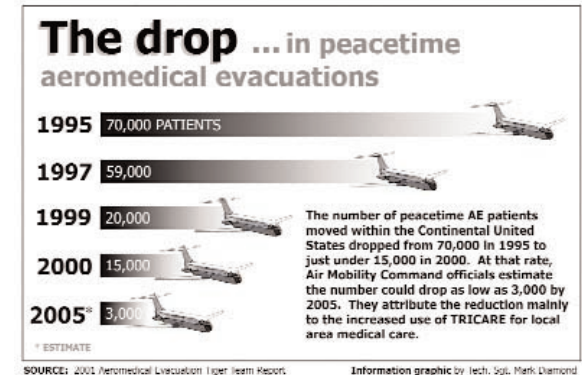
had a system in place (the C-9) dedicated to moving patients from one location to another throughout the United States,” Gen. Loftus said.

Scheduling of the C-9 was comparable to commercial airlines, with mostly predetermined stops for any passenger needing to travel. The only limit was the capacity of the aircraft.

This capacity-based system was used extensively from the 1970s through the early 1990s. However, the general said, the full implementation of TRICARE in the early 1990s led to a significant decrease in the number of CONUS, peacetime AE missions – from about 70,000 in 1990 to about 11,000 in 2001. At that rate, the number could reach as low as 3,000 by 2005.

“The full implementation of TRICARE created a shift in healthcare to local medical facilities, which considerably decreased the number of patients who required in-flight medical care,” said Gen. Loftus.

The general said more patients now receive medical care in their local area, which allows the change to the requirements-based system. The Defense Department’s TRICARE program has successfully created networks



of local doctors and hospitals to take care of the medical needs of military personnel, retirees and their families.

Educating CONUS military treatment facilities on the new requirements-based AE system is a continuous process. Part of that education will take place each time a patient movement request is made, according to Lt. Col. Duane Hill of the Global Patient Movement

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Requirements Center here. The GPMRC handles AE mission requirements determination, validation and coordination.

Col. Hill said the requirements-based system will be a mindset change for everyone involved in the AE process.

“We need to be sympathetic to the (patient movement) requests, but at the same time, our MTFs need to understand that the C-9 is gone and the TRI-CARE network needs to be utilized,” said the colonel.

Col. Darnell Waun, AMC’s chief of healthcare operations division and the AMC command nurse, agreed that the new AE system will be a significant change for many because patient movement has traditionally been synonymous with the C-9.

“Now, [aeromedical evacuation] is just one way to move a patient,” Col. Waun said. “Depending on patient needs they can be moved commercially, by ground, or as a space available passenger on military airlift.

“Moving a patient from Point A to Point B does not necessarily mean (military) airevac, unless they require en route care.”

Requirements-based, in essence, means urgent or priority (or patients needing in-flight care) aeromed-

ical evacuation is needed and the Air Force aeromedical evacuation system will get them where they need to go.

Without the C-9, the Air Force’s CONUS aeromedical evacuation mission will continue using other AMC airlift and tanker aircraft.

New AE technology, called patient support pallets, is making it possible to transport patients aboard aircraft not normally used for aeromedical evacuation.

The patient support pallet, developed at the Human Systems Center at Brooks City-Base in San Antonio, is built on a standard cargo pallet and provides support for six litters or a combination of three airline seats and three stretchers.

The Air Force’s uses the PSPs on KC-135s, KC-10s and C-17s.

The Air Force began using C-130s and KC-135s for AE within CONUS Aug. 7. According to AMC officials, the KC-135 missions run cross-country to Scott AFB and end at Travis AFB, Calif. There will be C-130 routes from each of the three areas, Andrews AFB, Md., Scott AFB and Travis AFB, to transport patients to their final destinations.

AMC officials are confident that the new requirements-based AE system will work, but not without a few challenges.

“Anytime you make a change, there are challenges,”

said the general. “We’ve been using the C-9 to transport patients around the United States for many, many years.”

Although current usage of the C-9 is very low, Gen. Loftus said he realizes the retirement of the C-9 will affect some people who have relied on that system for a variety of reasons, including specialized medical care and space-available travel.

“This is all about taking care of patients,” said the general. “And that’s what we’re all about.”

Col. George Tirabassi, deputy chief of AMC’s Operations Management Division, AE, said the people who have been involved in AE operations for more than a few years know that the AE system has always been bigger than the C-9.

“The C-9 was undoubtedly the flagship of aerovac,” Col. Tirabassi said. “But we know there is an awful lot of aerovac that goes on in the world that doesn’t involve the C-9. (During wartime operations), the Army medevacs patients using helicopters within the theater, and the Air Force moves patients using any available AE capable mobility aircraft.

“The wartime AE system has worked very well without C-9s.”

AMC officials are confident a CONUS aeromedical evacuation system without C-9s will work equally as well.

DOD students score high on national test

**By (Army) Sgt. 1st Class
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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN)—Results show Defense Department school system students scored consistently higher than the national average on a standardized test.

Numbers from the 2003 TerraNova 2nd Edition standardized test revealed DOD third-to eleventh-graders scored higher than the national 50th-percentile average in the United States.

But Mr. Joseph Tafoya, director of the Department of Defense Education Activity, is already looking at ways to improve the upcoming school year's curriculum for even better results in the future.

"We're trying to be a leader. We're trying to look at programs and... make them better so that our students are more successful," Mr. Tafoya said. "And so our efforts to improve test scores contin-

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**— Mr. Joseph Tafoya,
DoD Education Activity,
director**

ue; our efforts to have kids have more access to challenging courses continue.

"We know that every kid in our system needs to take algebra and geometry, and not only do they need to take it, they need to be successful. So we're putting (in) a lot of time and effort to do that," he said.

The TerraNova test is a nationally standardized achievement test in which students are evaluated in reading, language arts, math, social studies and science.

Test results showed DoD students consistently scored 10 to 20 points higher than the national average in 37 of 45 subtests, and 21 to 25 points higher in five subtests.

Mr. Tafoya said he hopes curriculum changes in the upcoming school year at DOD high schools will result in even better test results. He said this year's high school curricula were standardized to focus on literacy and algebra skills, along with language support and computer-oriented math instruction.

Some of the high school-level curriculum changes will be considered for elementary and middle schools in the future "to ensure that all kids are getting the same curriculum and the same opportunity," he said.

Another initiative Mr. Tafoya said may

have helped students score well was the educational activity's focus on getting students to read.

Mr. Tafoya also said that DOD schools scored high on the National Assessment of Education Progress evaluation test. As with the TerraNova test, this evaluation assesses students' know-how in various subject areas. He said the gap between minority and other students was the smallest in the nation, and DOD students ranked No. 1 in overall writing skills.

"So we have this very high-level degree of success," Mr. Tafoya said. "Obviously we're very proud of those scores, but we're not going to sit back and say we're doing (well)."

"We're continuing use that as an emphasis and help our kids and DOD schools to be among the best," he said.

Mr. Tafoya said the keys to the success of the military education program have been the parents and military commands that support DOD schools.

"They are very interested," he said. "The quality of the education of their students is paramount all the way from the very top at the... Pentagon down to the local bases and schools. So with that, we believe we have an advantage."

The education activity operates 224 fully accredited public schools in 21 districts in 14 countries, seven states and the U.S. territories of Guam and Puerto Rico. About 106,000 students are enrolled in DOD schools.

Deployed troops get U.S. radio, TV

**By Senior Airman
Catharine Schmidt**
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Most U.S. forces deployed supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom have access to American Forces Radio and Television Service broadcasts.

The Air Force Broadcasting Service provides radio and television service to servicemembers assigned within the U.S. Central Command areas of operation in Central Asia, Southwest Asia and the Horn of Africa. Programs are delivered on the American Forces Network to servicemembers assigned overseas, providing U.S. radio and television to American military members as they serve around the world.

"For the most part, every single soldier, sailor, Marine and airman serving in Central Asia and Southwest Asia, including Iraq, have access to (our) services," said Mr. Michael Kinchen, director of Air Force Broadcasting Service here.

Although a few groups may not have direct service, usually broadcasts are available at nearby locations.

"(Of course) the operations in Afghanistan and Iraq change frequently and some of our U.S. forces who move around may not always have direct service, but all of the major troop concentrations are being served," Mr. Kinchen said.

Arms control conference looks at 2003 as ‘a time of endurance’

By Master Sgt. Paul Fazzini
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – More than 120 military, defense civilians and subject matter experts from around the country attended the 2003 Air Mobility Command Arms Control and Counterproliferation Conference held Aug. 11 through 15 at AMC’s Global Reach Planning Center.

The conference, titled “2003: A Time of Endurance,” brought together unit-level and major command-level representatives from AMC, Air Combat Command, Air Education and Training Command, Pacific Air Forces and Air Force Materiel Command to meet training and education requirements for both the arms control and counterproliferation programs.

Also in attendance were members of the Air Staff and representatives from agencies such as the Transportation Security Agency, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, United States General Accounting Office, Air Force Directorate of Homeland Security and Joint Task Force-Civil Support.

Discussions during the arms control portion of the conference focused on: the Air Staff perspective; the Treaty on Open Skies; The Chemical Weapons Convention; Operational Security, and the threat to our computer systems and networks; the current state of Russia; and cyber-terrorism.

Discussions during the counterproliferation portion of the conference dealt with bioterrorism, with specific sessions focusing in on: nuclear, biological, chemical, radiological and missile threats to U.S. homeland security; development of a DoD decontamination policy; Chemical and Biological Airborne Decontamination Systems; regional bioterrorism planning; legal, public health and public affairs responses to bioterrorism.

Proving their worth in previous year’s conferences, organizers held high hopes for this year’s event.

“We hoped the attendees would find this conference to be a useful tool for sharing ideas, enhancing treaty implementation and inspection skills, and broadening their knowledge base of the rapidly growing areas of OPSEC and counterproliferation, more specifically chemical and biological warfare,” said Mr. Tim Trachsel, chief, Arms Control, Treaties and Counterproliferation Branch.

In opening remarks, the AMC Vice Commander, Lt. Gen. John R. Baker, spoke about the importance of the conference in the post-9/11 world.

“Arms control and treaties are still a very important

facet of our national defense posture,” said Gen. Baker. “Treaties represent extensive and legally binding international commitments, and because of that, good agreements don’t come overnight. Verification of agreements is by nature an intrusive business, so we have to pay attention to the treaties we have signed.”

“We need to be prepared and vigilant for continued Open Skies Inspection overflights by Russia,” said the general. “We need to continue to be sensitive to the operations security, communications security and other security components that are vital to treaty inspections and apply those lessons to all facets of our Air Force mission.”

Gen. Baker drove home the point of OPSEC and COMSEC by sharing a story about a strike mission that was called back after it was discussed on open communication lines.

“They cancelled the strike and turned around,” he said. “We have to pay more attention to this area.”

Turning to another topic, Gen. Baker spoke about weapons of mass destruction and the real world threat they pose.

“I was just in the AOR last week ... people are concerned,” he said. “People do worry about chemical and biological threats. We need to learn how to protect ourselves while maintaining high standards of readiness.”

Gen. Baker encouraged the attendees to take the knowledge and insights learned from the conference home and apply it to their unit and mission.

That knowledge came by way of experts like Mr. Keith Rhodes, chief technologist for the U.S. GAO, who spoke about the threat to DoD computer systems and networks.

“People are the reason systems are built and people are the reason systems break,” he said. “Remember, security is not absolute, so you have to look at the level of acceptable penetration to your network. When we go in and attempt to penetrate a system, we have to ask ‘Can we break into a level that bothers the agency?’”

Mr. Rhodes went on to talk about system securities and the fact that “no single security system can meet all the needs. One size does not fit all.”

Continuing the conference’s focus on security and protection, the efforts to protect the U.S., its territories, and its allies, as well as other countries around the world, through arms control isn’t the sole responsibility of this nation. Other countries, such as Russia, have significantly impacted the world in many ways.

“The Russians are some of the best arms controllers

in the world,” said retired Brig. Gen. John Reppert, executive director for the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. “They were good, very good.

“In fact, the Russians contributed significantly to the Open Skies Treaty created for Europe,” he said.

When looking at joint peacekeeping operations around the world, Gen. Reppert said, “The intelligence exchange between the United States and Russia has been and continues to be a tremendous benefit to the U.S.”

General Reppert went on to talk about Russia’s current political, economic and military state.

“There aren’t many political systems like ours, and depending on how long you spend away from it will determine how you appreciate it, or not. The Russians aren’t there yet,” he said. “The Communist Party still exists ... and remains a popular party. Because of that, elections still have a lot of ground to cover.”

“While the economy in Russia is steadily improving ... the technological advancements in military weapons are not. This is due,” he said, “to the fact that the Russians just can’t spend the money on the military because they’re spending it on improving other economic systems. The outlook doesn’t look good for the armed forces.”

An area that does look good is the way agencies around the United States have approached the bioterrorism threat to the homeland. Dr. Rasa Silenas, a retired Air Force colonel, spoke about the challenges frequently experienced in the medical community when dealing with bioterrorism training and preparedness.

“There is a lack of funds in the civilian agencies,” she said. “When you also deal with patients who keep coming in, training becomes difficult. So you have to start with what you have – you can’t buy readiness. One of the biggest advantages to preparedness is competence with existing recourses; that is empowering.”

Empowerment is what most, if not all, of the attendees had by the end of the week.

“Through this conference, just talking with each other enhances our nation’s homeland security capabilities,” said Master Sgt. Scott Stewart, the superintendent of operations at the West Coast Entry Point for the Open Skies Treaty at Travis AFB, Calif. “Prior to 9/11, civic involvement was minimal and people didn’t take threats as serious because there was no real crisis affecting them. Now they realize their own state, city or home is a potential battlefield.”

Tinker employee saves Air Force \$5 million

By Mrs. Jeanne Grimes
Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center
Public Affairs

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. – A logistics management specialist in the cruise missile product group came up with a suggestion to save the Air Force close to \$5.5 million.

In the process, Mr. Tracy Thompson earned \$10,000 for himself through the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program.

Mr. Thompson came up with his winning idea while working with the B-1 Lancer program in early 2002.

He said the Air Force was on the brink of buying 44 conventional bomb modules as part of an upgrade for the bomber.

The proposed purchase, \$8.8 million for power control assemblies, \$2.17 million for power supplies and \$176,000 for transformers, totaled \$11.15 million.

Mr. Thompson said the purchase was redundant because another modification was already underway to change 129 of 202 multipurpose rotary launchers and eliminate the need for power control assemblies and transformers on those units.

Those parts, however, were exactly what the Air Force was prepared to purchase new for one modification, while mothballing them in a separate project.

Instead of sending all the units to the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., Mr. Thompson proposed designating 44 as government-furnished equipment. Then they could be used in place of much of the proposed purchase.

Mr. Thompson said his suggestion was a matter of “putting two and two together and being aware of what other programs are doing.”

He also suggested that the remaining 26 units be turned into supply to serve as spares “to support the fielded end items, thus creating even more of a savings.”

The submission won a recommenda-

tion for approval from an evaluator here, then was forwarded to Air Combat Command headquarters officials for additional evaluation when it was determined the award was not within the Tinker IDEA office authority.

“This idea will benefit the Air Force and the B-1 weapons system; the overall cost savings may actually be higher than estimated,” said an evaluator at Langley AFB, Va.

The suggestion was then sent to the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, for approval and implementation.

In approving Thompson’s submission, the evaluator calculated the cost savings to the Air Force at \$5,458,001.12.

Mr. Thompson has had eight other IDEA submissions approved where the awards ranged from \$200 to \$800.

With \$10,000, he “paid off a few bills and bought a new truck, plus (helped with the) upkeep on my boy’s truck.”

His son, he explained, is currently deployed to Iraq.

Mr. Thompson said he had to “ram-rod” the idea through the approval and coordination process.

“It got to ... ACC, and bounced (for) around nine months,” he said. “(But) once it got to the right people at ACC, it was forwarded on immediately to Wright-Patt. They worked it very quickly.”

Although he won the award, Mr. Thompson said he shares the credit with several people in the B-1 program office here and at ACC, who saw the worthiness of his suggestion.

“I knew it was going to save the government a lot of money,” he said. “When I presented it to the (system program office), they said it was a good idea, but they didn’t know if it would be accepted.

“I personally like to do what I call shop talk with various people to learn about their programs and try to look at the big picture... This was just a basic opportunity to take (replaceable units) that were going to be disposed of. It made no sense. If you’ve got common items, why not use them?”



Aim high

Top airmen represent wing in Honor Guard

By Airman Basic Patrice Clarke
Public Affairs

Parades, funerals, retirement ceremonies, change of command ceremonies, opening ceremonies at sporting events. What do these events have in common? There is one object that appears in every one of the events, but is easily overlooked; the Base Honor Guard. The honor guard members spend countless hours practicing, planning, and sacrificing for their brief performance, just to be sure that they are immaculate for these elite ceremonies.

The main job of the honor guard is to provide military honors for those military members who have passed away. Grand Forks Air Force Base has the second largest area of coverage in the United States. When the honor guard gets the call to do a military funeral – whether active duty, retiree, or veteran – they have to go. The honor guard also does the retirement ceremonies, the change of command ceremonies and anything else where the posting and retiring of the colors might be needed.

What exactly does it take to be an honor guard member? Pure dedication. For one weekend, I personally encountered the backstage events of one of the many Base Honor Guard details. Here is how it all began.

Before any honor guard member actually goes on a detail they have to go to a number of practices first and become proficient. During practice the members practice many different maneuvers like folding flags, posting colors, and being on the firing party.

After the trainers feel that the member is proficient

enough they have the member fitted for their ceremonial uniform, which is the Air Force service dress uniform with some added honor guard extras. Once the honor guard spends money on the member that is when they officially become part of the honor guard and are required to sign a contract stating that said member will be in the honor guard for a period of 18 months and must participate in details.

Many honor guard members' first details are posting the colors at retirement ceremonies or at parades or any colors detail.

"We try to send the brand new members on easier details like posting the colors at ceremonies," said Tech Sgt. Kenneth Clere, Honor guard flight commander, "but sometimes we get calls and we have to put people where we need them."

Sometimes where the member is most needed is on a funeral detail.

"My first detail was a retiree's funeral," said Airman 1st Class Karvelisse Gayles, a medical laboratory technician with the 319th Medical Group. "I was extremely nervous at first. I was really focused on doing my job making the family proud of what I was doing. After the funeral started it was like a calm came over me and I did what I had to do."

"I never thought I would be able to perform at the funeral but now that I finished it was just amazing," she said.

Many people don't get to see first hand what goes on at the active duty funerals but here is a rundown of what I saw.

Monday, Senior Airman Matthew P. Hancsarik, the honor guard scheduler, received the call requesting the

presence of the honor guard at the active duty funeral in the outskirts of Minneapolis on Saturday. He then sent out an all call e-mail to every member of the honor guard requesting members to volunteer for the detail.

By Wednesday Airman Hancsarik had received request for honor guard presence at three parades and two other funerals for the weekend. With a roster of about 50 members the amount of details the honor

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Photos by Airman Basic Patrice Clarke

(Top) Honor guard members give a 21-gun salute at a funeral. (Above) The team removes the casket from the hearse.



Base chapel

CATHOLIC:

Mass:

5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.

Daily mass:

11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sunflower Chapel.

Reconciliation:

4:30 to 4:45 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment, Sunflower Chapel.

CCD registration:

Children age 3 as of Monday through high school.

Adult education,

sacramental programs:

Call Jane Hutzol at 747-3073.

PROTESTANT:

Traditional worship:

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.

Contemporary worship:

6 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel.

Young Adults:

6 p.m. Friday, Chaplain Swain's home, 747-4359.

Men of the Chapel bible study:

Cancelled this week.

JEWISH:

For details, call Sheila Farquharson at 594-3960 or Synagogue B'nai Israel at 775-5124.

RUSSIAN/EASTERN

ORTHODOX:

For details, call Dr. Levitov at 780-6540.

MUSLIM, BUDDHIST,

OTHER:

For details, call 747-5673.

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guard schedule to attend was greater than the number of members available to handle.

“When situations arise where we cannot cover all of the details we call in the Minneapolis Air Force reserve unit honor guard,” said Airman Hancsarik, “They help us cover details we cannot cover due to lack of members.”

Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. marks the arrival of many of the honor guard members at the old base pool, which is where the honor guard practices. Members arrive and file into the hot building. Sgt. Clere quickly calls the group to order, and the members fall into formation. He reminds the formation of the departing times of all the dif-



Photo by Airman Basic Patrice Clarke

Senior Master Sgt. Douglas Johnson practices Taps prior to the funeral.

ferent details the members will be attending, and practice begins.

During the hour-long practice the members rehearse the same actions repeatedly. Perfection is their goal. Despite the heat in the building and the wind that was encountered when they went outside, the members continued practicing.

To end the practice Sgt. Clere asked all members to watch a video which showed an honor guard doing an active duty funeral. Many of the members going on the active duty funeral detail had never been to one before. Sgt. Clere wanted them to see what they would soon be doing.

The practice ended with Staff Sgt. Garry Richard, the honor guard instructor, informing the group to have fun on the way up to the funeral, do their job, and remember they are honor guard everywhere they go.

After working a full day on Friday all the members meet at the designated area to leave for the funeral.

The eight hour drive to the hotel was without event

Saturday morning when all the honor guard members filed down to the hotel lobby, no one could tell that nine of the members drove eight hours in a van before getting to the hotel at around 1 a.m. No one could tell that five of the other members had just completed a retiree funeral the day before. No one could tell that not only were there Grand Forks honor guard in that lobby but Minneapolis Reserve Air Force honor guard were there. All anyone could tell was there were 20 people in that lobby who were all part of the elite

honor guard team.

After many last minute changes, which usually occur on any details, it came time for the members to head to the cemetery where they began to practice before the family members arrived.

The seven member firing party located the best spot in the small cemetery to practice and later perform, and they began running through the motions. The four member colors team got the flags and rifles out and began practicing their movements to ensure perfection for later on. The six member pallbearer team located the stopping place for the hearse and started going through the motions to do what they need to do also.

On the other side of the cemetery the bugler warmed up for his moment during the funeral.

After three and a half hours of practicing in the hot sun in their ceremonial uniforms, the honor guard members get the call that the hearse is a few minutes away. Everyone begins to mentally put everything else out of their mind and focus on what they have to do.

“The hardest thing to do is block out all the other people and focus on what you have to do,” said Airman 1st Class Michael D. Gilliland from the 319 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. “You have to not notice the people who are weeping after the firing party and especially after Taps.”

“This was my first active duty funeral. I wasn't really nervous, I was just anxious for the funeral to start,” said Airman 1st Class Anthony A. Williams, a videographer with the Communications Squadron.

Once the hearse arrives the show

begins. The whole funeral goes without a any problems taking about 20 minutes for the ceremony to begin and end.

All the practice, all the planning, all the dedication it took before those 20 minutes resulted in a flawless execution of their duties.

“All those hours of practice paid off when I saw the look on the widows face when she was handed the flag,” said Williams. “That made the practices in the sun seem all worth the effort.”

After the funeral concluded it was back to the hotel to change, check out, and drive the eight hours to return to base.

“There are about 3,000 active duty members here but I only have 50 members on my honor guard roster,” said Sgt. Clere. “What intrigues me the most is 95 percent of the roster is made up of airmen. I would think that since the honor guard is steeped in tradition that it would be compiled of mostly people who have been in the Air Force longer than one or two years but it's not. It's airmen who give up their weekends to go perform military honors for someone they didn't know, probably never heard of. But it's there duty as an honor guard member and they do it with pride.”



Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.

Pokemon Heroes (G)

In this fifth installment of the popular series, Ash, Pikachu, and friends experience more adventures, this time at the world's largest water city, where they try to foil a heist by a pair of creative thieves.

Saturday, 7 p.m.

Bad Boys II (R)

Miami police detectives Marcus Burnett (Martin Lawrence) and Mike Lowrey (Will Smith) are back, this time investigating the booming ecstasy business in South Florida. Their drug busts lead to an evil kingpin who has started a violent turf war throughout Miami.

To further complicate matters, Mike begins to fall for Syd (Gabrielle Union), the half-sister of Marcus. It's a relationship that threatens Mike and Marcus' friendship and put Syd's life in danger.

Sept. 5, 7 p.m.

Pirates of the Caribbean:

The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13)

Aboard the Black Pearl, infamous pirate Captain Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) attacks the city of Port Royal and kidnaps a governor's daughter, Elizabeth (Keira Knightley).

Barbossa then sets sail with his hostage toward a secret hideaway, hoping to lift an ancient curse by sacrificing her and returning a once-plundered treasure.

Sept. 6, 7 p.m.

Lara Croft: Tomb Raider:

The Cradle of Life (PG-13)

Tickets: \$1.50 children, \$3 adults
For details, call 747-3021/6123.

Air Force military justice: *A uniquely balanced system*

By Capt. Amy E. Bryan

319th Air Refueling Wing Judge Advocates General office
Chief, civil law

The Uniform Code of Military Justice and the Manual for Courts-Martial state the rules for courts-martial, rules of evidence, offenses, and nonjudicial punishment procedure in the military justice system.

The military chain of command drives the military justice system, but there are many checks and balances to ensure members are treated fairly.

Members possess substantive rights and receive additional protections throughout the administration of justice. In most cases, members receive more personal protections than their civilian counterparts. The current military justice system effectively serves the unique nature of the military.

A justice system should meet the needs of its establishment. In the Air Force, the ultimate goal is to complete the mission. To do so, commanders at all levels are charged with organizing units, strategizing, preparing airmen, leading airmen and maintaining good order and discipline.

The military justice system contemplates and acknowledges the importance of the chain of command. Consequently, commanders at different levels of command are responsible for charging a member, convening the court-martial, selecting the initial members to serve on the jury, and ultimately approving the sentence adjudged.

Throughout the entire process, the staff judge advocate provides legal assistance and recommendations to commanders.

While the system is command driven, members do have substantive rights throughout the process. Specifically, the United States Constitution vests members with several rights: the right against self-incrimination (Fifth Amendment), the right against unreasonable searches and seizures (Fourth Amendment), and the right to counsel (Fifth and Sixth Amendments).

When a member is suspected of committing an offense, he is read Article 31 rights prior to questioning. Article 31 rights include the right to remain silent. Once a member is in custody, or once charges have been preferred, a member is entitled to legal counsel.

In the Air Force, the Area Defense Counsel and Circuit Defense Counsel provide members with free legal advice at any time. A member does not even have to be suspected of committing an offense in order to consult with defense counsel.

While the above rights also exist in the civilian system, there are several distinctions unique to the military. Military members receive legal counsel paid for by their employer.

In order to maintain neutrality, Air Force defense counsel serve in a separate and distinct entity from the base legal office. They are not part of the base chain of command or the staff judge advocate's office.

In order to maintain good order and discipline, commanders do have the authority to conduct health, safety and welfare inspections of units.

These inspections are outside the scope of the Fourth Amendment's protections.

These inspections are necessary to ensure that a unit is prepared for its mission.

The protections afforded members are not derived solely from the Constitution.

The Manual for Courts-Martial also grants members several rights. For example, when an investigation of a member suspected of committing an offense is complete, a commander must decide whether to handle the matter administratively, administer non-judicial punishment, or prefer charges against a member to a summary, special or general court-martial.

When charges are preferred to a general court-martial - the court having the most serious possible punishment authority - an Article 32 hearing is held.

The Article 32 hearing is similar to a civilian grand jury proceeding. The hearing investigates the truth of the matter set forth in the charges and the form of the charges. The Article 32 officer drafts a summary of the hearing and provides a recommendation as to disposition.

It is unlike a civilian grand jury proceeding in that the member who is charged may attend, request counsel, call witnesses, question witnesses and present evidence.

Before directing a charge by general court-martial, the convening authority consults with the staff judge advocate regarding the charges.

During a court-martial, the accused has several additional protections. The accused can have the court-martial before members or a judge alone. The accused may plead guilty or not guilty.

If the accused believes it is in his best interest to plead guilty, the judge will ask the accused to explain why he believes he is guilty of the offense charged.

The judge must be persuaded that the accused actually committed the offense charged and every element of that offense.

The inquiry is much more detailed than a guilty plea in a civilian court.

If a sentence is adjudged in a court-martial proceeding, a member has a right to request clemency.

First, the member submits a request to the convening authority. This is unique to the military system.

Furthermore, if a sentence of more than one-year confinement or a punitive discharge is adjudged, then the case is automatically reviewed at the appellate level.

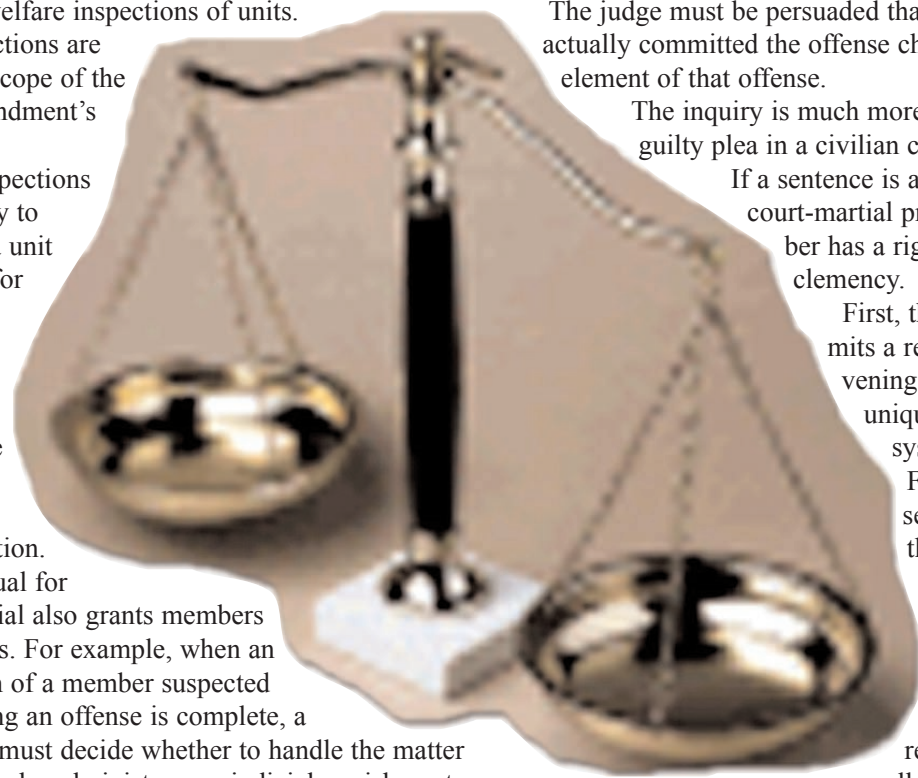
Appellate review is also unique in the military because the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals reviews the case "de novo."

This means the court can revisit the facts and make its own determination as to sentence if it believes the original sentence was in error, as opposed to the civilian system where appellate courts only determine sufficiency as to law.

Cases also may be reviewed to the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

While the military justice system is not exactly like the civilian counterpart, it strikes an appropriate balance between command and a member's rights.

The system is uniquely tailored to meet the needs of all its members and the mission.



Keep safety in mind Labor Day weekend

By Maj. Gen. John Becker
15th Air Force Commander

As the Labor Day weekend approaches, I want you, the men and women of the 15th Air Force, to know how proud I am of your tremendous contributions to our Air Force mission – to defend the United States and protect its interests through aerospace power.

As we take time to remember the contributions and the magnificent services provided by the American workers, we also understand that it is critical to remain vigilant of our surroundings. We are exposed to increased mishap potential due to summer-related activities.

Proper risk management may be the key to saving your life. Every commander, supervisor and worker from the top to bottom must communicate effectively our safety concerns. This is an Air Force team effort, and everybody must be dedicated to the cause. Let's make a concerted effort to stress safety at work, home and play every day.

In recent years, the Air Force has been extremely effective in reducing our losses during the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign. Unfortunately, this has been the deadliest "101 Critical Days" in the past three years. We have

lost 29 members to needless mishaps.

The majority of the fatalities have been vehicle related. Thirteen were motorcycle related, 11 were private motor vehicles and two involved all-terrain vehicles. The primary contributors to these accidents were speed, alcohol and judgement.

Air Mobility Command experienced three fatalities so far this summer. Two were motorcycle mishaps caused when the operators lost control. The third mishap involved a member that struck a guy wire while riding an ATV.

I urge everyone to ensure safety is foremost in planning your travel schedule. Drive defensively and at a safe speed commensurate with existing weather and traffic conditions. The use of seatbelts are mandatory, and occupant restraints for children are our first line of defense.

AMC's "101 Critical Days" campaign in 2002 ended on a positive note with zero fatalities over the long Labor Day weekend.

The men and women of 15th Air Force are our most precious resource. Please return safely and ready to meet our global challenges.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy Labor Day weekend.

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Base artist uses Air Force as Stepping-stone

By Staff Sgt. Monte Volk
Public affairs

Many of us dream of being a fireman, police officer, doctor or teacher, but ever since he was a little boy, Jeston Whitacre dreamed of being an artist; never did he imagine the Air Force would be a stepping-stone toward fulfilling a dream.

“My most vivid memory is when I was in kindergarten,” said Senior Airman Whitacre, 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron. “We were drawing dinosaurs and I colored it all black and the teacher’s assistant said it was the worst drawing she had ever seen in her life... that’s when I started drawing.”

Religious figures are usually associ-

ated with a “calling” to their job, but Airman Whitacre has the same feeling.

“I was born with the ability to draw... I feel like that’s what I’m supposed to do,” he said.

He obviously has the skills, because more and more of his murals are popping up on base.

“Absolutely remarkable,” said Chief Master Sgt. Marvin Crawford, 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron operations superintendent. “Jesse has talent you just don’t see everyday. Although it’s not aircraft nose art, he is in fact capturing, transforming, updating and keeping the spirit of the original tradition alive in the modern Air Force.”

He has already done four murals and a lithograph in the wing ranging from a maintenance litho to his most recent work of the Chief’s mural for Chief Crawford.

“The detail in his work is extremely lifelike; the eyes really make the art come alive,” said Chief Crawford. “I’m think-

ing about taking the wall with me, before he gets famous... it’s signed and dated!”

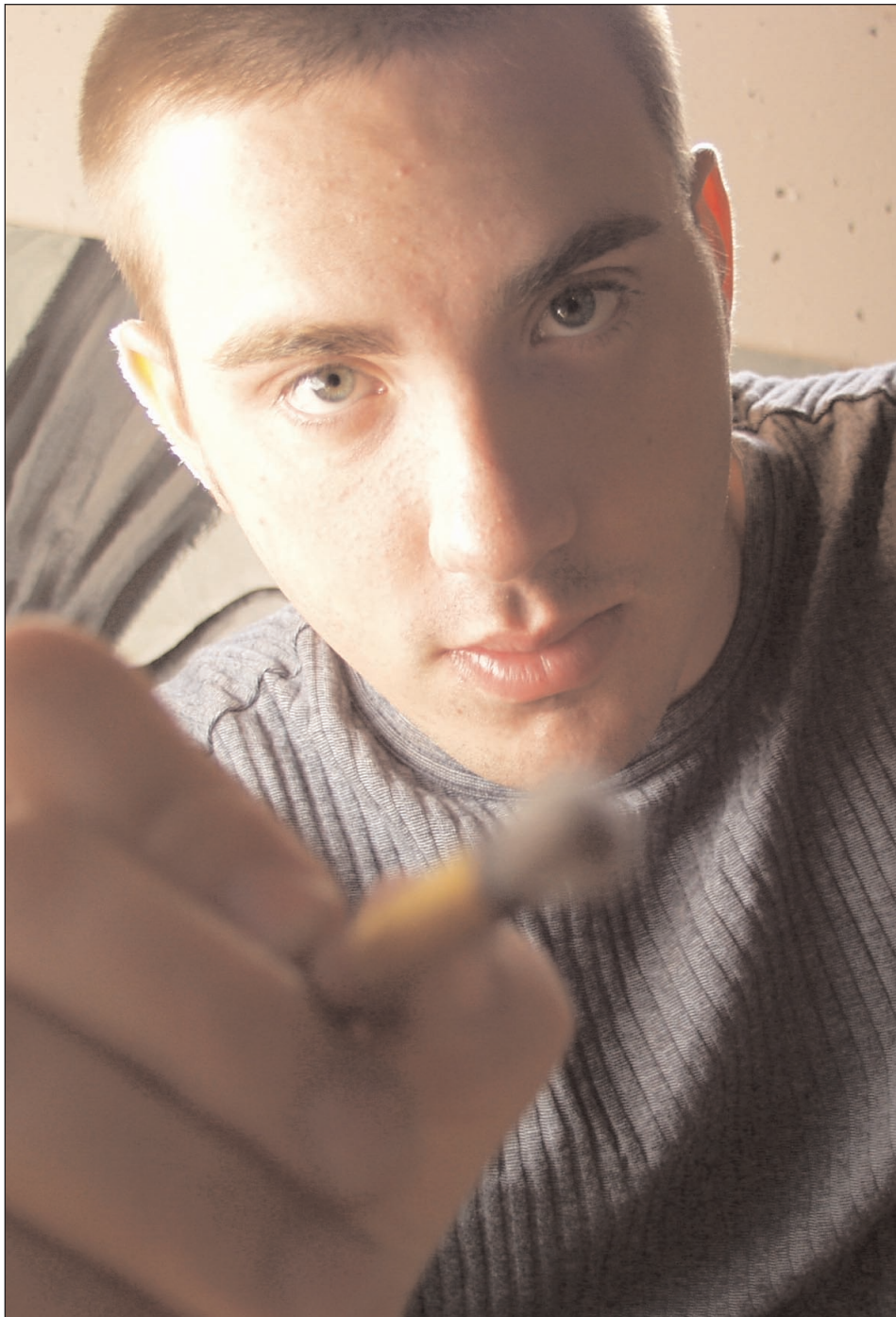
Besides doing murals and lithographs for the wing, Whitacre uses his talents of painting and drawing as an emotional relief valve.

“When I do a painting, all my energy comes out and after I’m done, I feel exhausted,” said Whitacre. “If I’m angry, all my anger goes out into the painting and it’s gone after I finish.”

Most of his talent is natural ability but Whitacre has taken several art classes to learn different techniques.

“It’s my hobby, I do it for fun,” said Whitacre. “But one day I would like to make a living doing it.”

To view more of his artwork visit www.geocities/jestonart.com.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Monte Volk

Senior Airman Jeston Whitacre has painted four murals and a lithograph for various agencies around base in addition to artwork he creates for his own purposes.

Getting acquainted with your legal office



(Above) Powers of Attorney and Notaries, and wills are important parts of legal assistance for military members. (Right) Tech. Sgt. Dana Scumaci provides customer service for a member of the base community at the Legal Office.



Photos by Airman Basic Patrice Clarke

By 2nd Lt. Ashley Gee
Public Affairs

Are you one of those people who think the Base Legal Office is the place that “gets you in trouble?” Or, are you one of those people who, in the deployment line, intentionally makes a wide loop from finance all the way around to the chapel just to avoid the legal station?

You might want to reconsider your actions.

True, the military justice division deals primarily with disciplinary actions such as courts-martial, but military justice is only one portion of the legal system. There are many misconceptions amongst a lot of people about the job of the Judge Advocate’s office, but the truth is those legal assistance officers standing by the deployment line are there for you.

The base Legal Office, or JA, is comprised of three divisions: military justice, claims and general law. The claims division is probably known by most people that have ever had damages to their household goods being shipped. Along with shipment problems, this division also deals with torts (personal injury claims). The third division of JA is general law, which includes a vast majority of the legal sections: contracts, environmental law, labor law, civil law, preventative law and legal assistance are all part of the general law division.

In legal assistance, military attorneys provide advice to military members and their families on a wide variety of topics such as child support, divorce, consumer disputes, landlord-tenant disputes, wills, and paralegals draft notaries.

“Most military members know what is offered to them by the base Legal Office, but their spouses and family members do not,” said Capt. Lyn Patyskiwhite, 319th Air Refueling Wing’s chief of legal assistance.

To assist in this area, JA offers briefings for family members and spouses that are left behind on deployments. This is usually arranged by the unit commander and held for all dependents with questions in the unit.

Legal assistance is the best way to learn about your rights. JAGs can inform you on your benefits and general information about the legal system, military and civilian, plus it is free and confidential. They also offer several different hours for walk-ins and appointments. If you have a question, it does not hurt to ask.

“Powers of attorney and Notaries, and wills are a very important part of legal assistance,” said Capt. Patyskiwhite.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Ashley Gee

Staff Sgt. Tracy Bailey, 319th Air Refueling Wing Judge Advocate’s General office claims adjudicator, prepares the courtroom for a hearing.

Creating a will and giving someone power of attorney, or legal permission, to handle your specific needs can be very important to people serving overseas, deploying or just going on temporary duty.

The two types of powers of attorney are general and specific. General powers of attorney encompass a complete laundry list of areas that an individual can designate another to do for them.

While this may seem like all you would need, Capt. Patyskiwhite emphasizes that not all credit unions, mortgage companies or banks, will accept this type.

Additionally, giving this type of power of attorney is often unnecessary and – if you give it to someone who is not as trustworthy as you believed – even dangerous. Some companies require you to give a specific power of attorney in their area. For example, if you needed to sell your home or car, you must provide a specific power of attorney for this. Providing a specific power of attorney also prevents anyone from acting on your behalf in a decision that you did not intend for them to make.

Wills are another aspect of legal assistance that can be helpful to many. Creating a will is not just important if you’re deploying.

“You never know what can happen – a will is a means of assuring that your children are cared for by who you’d prefer, if you and your spouse died in an accident,” said Capt. Patyskiwhite.

“We strongly recommend that military members create a will before they get in the deployment line because by actually scheduling an appointment, you have time to sit down in a private setting and discuss all your concerns,” she said. “Additionally, the deployment line offers very little privacy and thoroughness as compared to an in-office visit.”

Legal Office hours

► Powers of Attorney/Notaries
Walk-ins, Mondays through
Thursdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

► Legal Assistance
Walk-ins, Thursdays 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Appointments, call 747-3605/3606.

► Wills
Appointments, Call 747-3605/3606.

Because all states have laws of intestacy – laws that provide for people who do not have a will – you cannot be required to have a will. However, if you are married, have children, want to disinherit someone, or have a family heirloom you want to go to a specific person, it is highly recommended that you make a will.

Capt. Patyskiwhite also explained that the Servicemen’s Group Life Insurance is not usually included in a will. It is a completely separate document that passes “outside of the will.”

While your life insurance may be directed toward a specified beneficiary, that does not

include any of your other belongings.

When you create a will, you do not specify in the will who you want your life insurance to go to – this is done in the life insurance policy, itself. This is why it is important to keep your DD Form 93, or vRED, updated.

Don’t be that person who says, “It will never happen to me,” and be caught in a situation when you could have prepared ahead.

Community

Today



CLUB DINING: The Northern Lights Club is having family dining. The Frontier Grill menu is available. This is the last ATWIND family dining event.

UNLIMITED BOWLING: Dakota Lanes is hosting unlimited bowling from 6 to 8 p.m. for \$3.99 per person.

Saturday

EPT REGISTRATION ENDS:

Registration for the Youth Programs Education Program Times ends today.

During EPT times youth are only allowed in the Youth Center if they are attending the programs for the day. These times are not open for recreation. EPT will not be offered on no school days or when the schools are closed due to weather. Youth must be signed up for the programs to participate, all programs are free.

For details call the Youth Center for a listing of all programs being offered and the information pertaining to each program at 747-3150.

‘3-on-3’ BASKETBALL: The Youth Center is hosting a 3-on-3 Basketball tournament today at 6 p.m. for youth ages 9 to 12 and 8 p.m. for ages 13 to 18.



CLUB KARAOKE:

The Northern Lights Club offers Karaoke from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

CLUB DANCING: The Northern Lights Club offers dancing from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. to ‘club mix’ music with “DJ ‘C.’”

YOUTH GALAXY BOWLING:

Register at the youth center for galaxy bowling at Dakota Lanes for ages 9 to 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. and ages 13 to 15 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Cost is \$2.50 per hour and 75 cents for shoe rental. There must be at least 10 participants to hold this event.

Sunday

ATWIND ENDS: “Around the World in Ninety Days” ends tonight. Log in ATWIND game pieces by 11 p.m.

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH:

Today is the last day to golf at the King’s Walk golf course with these special prices: \$24 anytime green fee, \$15 twilight green fee after 5 p.m., \$12 green fee for youth under 18. Call 787-5464 for tee times. Anyone with a military identification card can enjoy these prices.

Tuesday

YOUTH SOCCER: The Youth Programs fall soccer practice begins.

CLASSES STARTING: Adult Learning Center classes will start today at the Education Center, in room 105.

Classes offered include GED, High school diploma, English as a second language, and basic skills.

For details, call Ms. Judy Pawlikowski at 747-3320.

Wednesday

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN

CARNIVAL MEETING: There is a 5 p.m. meeting at Liberty Square for any squadron or private organization interested in reserving a booth for the annual Halloween Carnival. Participants must have a representative present to sign up and receive information packages. Booth space and types are limited. Also, volunteers are needed to help with the “Haunted House.”

For details, call Youth Programs at 747-3150.

MALL OF AMERICA: Today is the last day to sign up for Outdoor Recreation’s trip to the Mall of America Sept. 6.

The bus will depart at 5 a.m. from Outdoor Recreation and return around midnight.

The trip costs \$22.50 per adult, \$15 per child under 12 accompanied by an adult.

CLUB DINING: Dining with the Frontier Grill menu is back at the Northern Lights Club from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Receive a free dessert with purchase of an entrée.

Thursday

FINE ARTS PROGRAM: The next Fine Arts Program class is today at the Youth Center. The Fine Arts Program is

held every Wednesday during summer. The program is meant to provide Northern Lights Club members with the opportunities to create works of art for display in a local exhibit.

The goal is to help youth to uncover their artistic talents and motivate them to develop their creative skills and possibly explore related career opportunities. Youth ages 6 to 12 are at 6:30 p.m. and youth ages 13 to 18 at 8 p.m.

A qualified instructor will be present.

CLUB DINING: The Northern Lights Club offers a half price children’s menu from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Upcoming

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

PARTY: There is a summer reading program party for the participants of the Youth Programs “Read by Mail” program and the Library’s “Soar into reading” program.

The party will be held at Liberty Square from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sept. 6.

The party will include free skating and an awards presentation at 2 p.m. The snack bar will be open.

GUITAR INTEREST: The Youth Center has a guitar lesson interest list. Lessons would be for youth ages 6 and older on Mondays and Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. in half hour increments.

The possible costs of the lessons would be \$12 per half hour session. Acoustic or electric guitar lessons are offered.

For details, call 747-3150.

DECA CASE LOT SALE: The Grand Forks Commissary will be conducting a case lot sale Sept. 12 and 13 in the commissary parking lot or, if inclement weather occurs, in the commissary warehouse.

► There will be a variety of merchandise. Back to school items as well as everyday items will be on sale. there will be free hotdogs and hamburgers from noon to 2 p.m. for everyone.

► There will be an apple bobbing contest, pinata, duck pond, jumping castle, hotdog eating contest, and watermelon eating contest with prizes to the winners.

► There will also be drawings for \$50 gift certificates.

► The sale will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

► This will be the final sale in the current commissary, because the sale will be in the new commissary next year.

AIR FORCE BALL TICKETS: The annual Air Force Ball will be held Sept. 20 in the Alerus Center Ballroom. Social hour begins at 5 p.m.

The night includes two live bands, a speaker (Gen. Steve Ritchie – the only Air Force Academy pilot ace in the Vietnam War), dinner and dancing. To order tickets, call your first sergeant.

For more information regarding the ball go to the website at http://gra.midco.net/gfafb_ball/2003.html, or call Capt. Vonda Goodison at 747-5456.

AUCTION: The annual ball unofficial activity takes place Sept. 5 at the Northern Lights Club at 6 p.m.

This event includes the following items for auction:

- Swan Lladro figurine
- C&R Cleaners gift certificates
- German beer basket
- Wine basket
- Merry Maid Cleaning gift certificates
- Cinema 10 movie certificates
- Warriors of the North plaque
- Manly man/woman toolbox with tools
- Blue Moose hat
- Blue Moose lunch certificate
- Blue Moose dinner certificate
- Computer speakers and subwoofer
- Thomas Kinkadee print
- Silver vanity set
- Decorative flags gift basket
- Italian Moon gift certificates
- Wendy’s gift certificates
- Paradiso gift certificate
- Two picture lights
- Homemade full course Korean meal
- Gift certificates to VFW
- Valley Dairy car wash gift certificates
- Commissary parking spot for January
- Commissary parking spot for February
- Mary Kay gift basket
- Longerberger pie plate and homemade pie
- Pasta basket
- Homemade pickles
- Two bottles Vinter’s Cellar KC-135 wine

COMMON SENSE

PARENTING CLASS: The Family Advocacy Outreach Program is offering a five-week program (two hours a week) beginning Sept. 9 in a place to be decided.

It is recommended that all five sessions be attended.



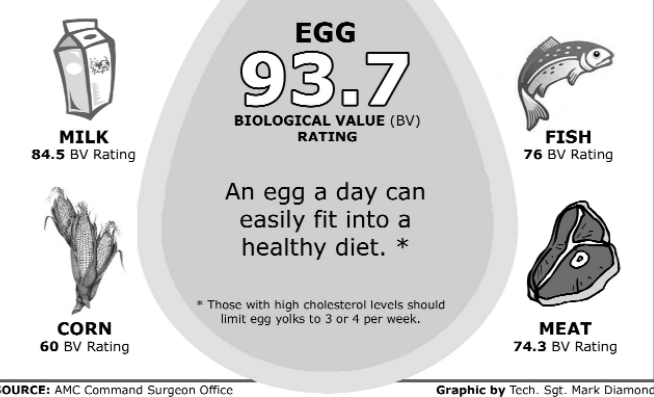
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Going batty

Base youth pose after participating in the Missoula Children's Theater performance of "Snow White and the Seven Drawfs." The group had one week to rehearse the play before giving two performances Aug. 22 at the Community Activities Center.

WELLNESS TIP

Egg'citing' Food Fact: The egg is the highest quality food protein source (measured by biological value) and contains all essential amino acids -- the building blocks of protein -- necessary for human growth



SOURCE: AMC Command Surgeon Office

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OPSEC tip of the week

Protecting critical information – Even though this information may not be secret, it’s what we call “critical information.”

Critical information must be protected to ensure an adversary doesn’t gain a significant advantage. It deals with specific facts about our intentions, capabilities, operations or activities. If an adversary knew this detailed information, our mission accomplishment and personnel safety could be jeopardized.

SFS clobbers defending champs, 41-12

*Defense sets tone as
MSS offense sputters*

By Airman Basic Patrice Clarke
Public Affairs

The leaves are changing colors, the children are back in school, the daylight hours are getting shorter - and all



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SFS quarterback David Williams scrambles for yards as MSS quarterback-cornerback Monte Volk chases him down.

that indicates flag-football season is back at Grand Forks Air Force Base.

Season openers were played Monday night.

In the nightcap of the scheduled games, the 319th Security Forces Squadron beat the defending base champion 319th Mission Support Squadron 41-12.

MSS struck first with a 60-yard touchdown pass from Monte Volk to Mike Renn on the opening kickoff, but failed to convert the extra point, making the score 6-0.

After that, it was practically all SFS.

SFS answered with a 60-yard touchdown pass thrown by quarterback David Williams. After punching in the extra point, SFS took a 7-6 lead and never looked back.

The story from here on out was SFS capitalizing on MSS mistakes and MSS failing to capitalize on the SFS mistakes.

On the ensuing MSS possession, Volk was picked off by SFS leading to another SFS touchdown and conversion to make the score 14-6.

MSS next possession ended in a turnover on downs.

SFS fumbled the ball on their next play, but MSS could not recover. To add injury to insult, MSS was flagged for a 10-yard holding penalty. SFS followed by

driving for a touchdown and another successful conversion to take a 21-6 lead.

MSS turned over the ball again on an interception, which was returned for a touchdown. An extra point later brought the score to 28-6.

SFS closed out the first half with yet another interception returned for a touchdown to take a 35-6 lead into the break.

MSS missed out on a chance to turn the momentum on the second half kickoff when SFS put the ball on the ground. However, SFS once again managed to recover its own fumble. MSS' failure to take advantage of the SFS mistake proved critical when Williams threw a 25-yard touchdown pass for a 41-6 lead.

MSS finally started making plays at the end of the game when Volk threw deep down the field to Larry Plowman to cut the score to 41-12.

SFS mounted one last drive before the MSS defense finally stepped up and intercepted the ball on its own 5-yard line with less than two minutes remaining in the game.

Despite the score, MSS managed more than 275 yards of offense compared to approximately 225 yards of offense for SFS.



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Painting the varsity picture

Jeffrey Spencer takes a shot over Beaux Sebastian during men's varsity basketball team tryouts at the base gym Sunday. Spencer and Sebastian were two of 16 base members selected for the squad, which will play in a local league and travel to various Air Force bases in search of competition this upcoming season.

Reaching for the stars

Base members take part in Kathleen Kyper's Yoga class at the base fitness center. Kyper has permanently changed station, but the class is still led by Kristin Holmes and Alison Ackert on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.



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Fast and furious

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Your palms are sweating. Your mouth is dry and sticky. There's a thick lump in your throat. Butterflies float in your stomach. The brain-numbing scent of gasoline wafts through the air. Engines rev so loudly, even your earplugs have a headache.

Slowly, you begin to drown it all out. The deafening cracks and pops from the engines have died to a whisper. You swallow, and now you're salivating. You tighten your grip and focus intensely on the lights in front of you and try to time your start perfectly.

Red, yellow, yellow... turn, come on, turn... Green!

Suddenly, you're off. The speedometer does an about-face – zero to 100 miles per hour in as little as 5.5 seconds. Then, just like that, it's over.

Welcome to the world of drag racing. It's an adrenaline junkie's dream. In today's society of bigger, faster and more powerful, it ranks right up near the top.

It's also a sport Gary Cleland of the 319th Air Refueling Wing Military Equal Opportunity office has been involved in, with both cars and motorcycles, on-and-off for about 18 years.

He's found drag racing is the best way to tame his need for speed.

"It's an adrenaline rush," Cleland said. "I love to go fast, and I do it for that raw feeling of acceleration."

Recent movies like 'The Fast and The Furious' have glorified the sport and brought it into the mainstream.



Gary Cleland poses with his drag racing motorcycle. Cleland estimates his racing expenses at approximately \$25,000. Courtesy photo

While Cleland likes the fact movies of that nature increase the awareness of his sport, he's not an advocate of street racing.

"I can see how it's easy to want to go out and tear up the streets, but that's illegal," Cleland said. "So, if I'm going to twist my throttle, I'm going to do it on the track where it is legal and in a much safer, controlled environment."

He started out racing cars shortly after graduating high school, and switched to motorcycles in the last five years.

His love of motorcycles and speed made drag racing a natural fit.

Now, as he counts down the final days of his military career, aspirations of bigger and better things from the sport begin to pique his interest. Particularly, he would like to work for a professional racer's crew.

However, Cleland knows catching on with a pro racer's crew won't be easy. Professional crew members can make a living in the game, but they must first

pay their dues.

"You have to climb the ladder," he said. "You volunteer to start, and then hopefully after a couple years you start getting paid. To be able to do that and survive really depends on your financial situation."

There's also that love of being directly involved in the competition he has to deal with.

"Before I retire, I'd like to get my professional license and race on a limited basis," he said.

While he's always enjoyed being in control of the throttle, Cleland admits success at the professional level is unlikely.

"I'm too big," he said. "Drag racing is a lot like horse racing and jockeys. The bigger you are, the more pressure you put on the horse power. I weigh about 190 pounds. The best motorcycle racer out there right now is a woman who weighs about 105 pounds."

Participating at the amateur level is not a cheap endeavor, either.

Depending on your level of involvement, it can be an extremely expensive hobby.

"If you just want to go down to the track and run your car or motorcycle, it can stay cheap," Cleland said, "but the more involved you get, the more you're going to have to spend."

Cleland estimates his drag racing assets at about \$25,000 including a modified street bike, specialized drag racing bike, trailer and other equipment.

While there are cash prizes at some events, they barely pay for the cost of competing after factoring in the expenses of travel and maintenance. In the end though, it's all worth it.

"It's competition," Cleland said. "A lot of it is ego. Everyone wants the fastest bike, and everyone wants to win."

"It's also a family-oriented sport. I've met some of my best friends at the track. You can be vicious and cut-throat during a race, but then you're all friends afterward."



Photo by Senior Airman Joshua G. Moshier

Jay Johnson pedals a BMX racing bike wearing his race-day gear and proudly displaying his state championship plate.

These tricks aren’t just for kids

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Riding bicycles is definitely not a “kids only” game anymore.

Since the inception of the highly popular X-Games nine years ago, recreational activities such as skateboarding, rollerblading and BMX bicycling have become adrenaline pumping athletic contests, and many of the world’s best are well beyond their adolescent years.

In most cases, the most successful extreme athletes have been involved in their respective sport since childhood. However, there is also a small but growing contingent of former athletes from other fields taking up the competition.

Jay Johnson, 319th Air Refueling Wing Military Equal Opportunity chief, played tight end for Troy State University from 1992 to 1996. Today, he is ranked sixth in the district and was recently named North Dakota state champion for his age group in the sport of BMX racing.

Extreme sports attracted Johnson’s attention almost immediately.

At his first duty station, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., he took up the sport of downhill mountain biking because he was an “adrenaline junkie.” When he arrived at Grand Forks, the lack of mountainous terrain forced him to switch to a different game in order to keep riding – BMX racing.

“BMX racing is different from the other sports I’ve played in that it’s more about technique and finesse rather than raw power,” Johnson said. “Where other sports have come easily to me, the learning curve for this sport is much steeper. I think this is mainly because I got such a late start at it.”

He said due to the fact that extreme sports are still relatively new to mainstream media, when people are informed that he races BMX bicycles, they often snicker and joke about his participating in “kid’s sports.”

“But, the majority of people I know who see it for the first time are in awe of the speed,” he said. “Most kids grow up playing football, basketball and baseball. If they don’t go on to the college or professional level,

they’re done playing those sports at 18. On the other hand, there are many adult BMX racers. I even had the opportunity to witness a racer that that was 63-years-old.”

As with any sport, there is a cost to participate. Johnson said good equipment is needed to be competitive, but not the most expensive on the market. In general, a BMX bicycle and helmet can be purchased at a bike shop for anywhere between \$150 and \$500. After that however, the biggest investment is in travel.

There are also injuries involved. Although they are often only minor bumps, bruises and scrapes, they will happen.

“You’ve got to wear the proper safety equipment, because you are going to wreck,” Johnson said. “It’s a matter of control, and you almost have to be perfect because you are just about handlebar to handlebar with everyone else on the track.”

While Johnson has seen his share of success, he doesn’t have any visions of turning BMX racing into more than a hobby. Instead, he appreciates the competition and the avenues it allows him to meet other people from the local community.

“Racing exposes me to people from the Grand Forks and neighboring communities that I otherwise wouldn’t have the chance to meet,” he said. “It also allows me to interact with local youth, and allow them a glimpse of Air Force life.”

Johnson said he sees the popularity of sports such as his on the rise.

“I think the sport is definitely on the way up,” he said. “Everything has its peaks and valleys, but with the X-Games growing in popularity and the introduction of it in the 2008 Olympics, it will only help the sport in terms of recognition.”

Jay Johnson is looking to get more people from the area involved with BMX racing with the goal of eventually putting together a team.

Anyone interested in BMX racing can call Johnson Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 747-3193.